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Best Examples of community character

- 1. Back and front yard vegetable gardens
- CSA Community Supported Ag & Community gardens.
- 3. Community gardens.
- 4. Front porches and using them.
- 5. Public fruit trees
- 6. Public art (T-shirt factory mural)
- 7. The diverse arts community of Flag So much for the size of the community.
- 8. The arts and festivals: NAZ book fest, recycled art, etc. Cool AZ stores that give back: Bookman's, etc.
- 9. Heritage Square & family events there
- 10. 1st Friday
- 11. First Friday art walk.
- 12. Downtown art walk & community events.
- 13. Music in the parks/ Fiestas through SNA.
- 14. Heritage Square
- 15. Expand bus service to Mountainaire/KV, etc.
- 16. People walking and biking places
- 17. Parks and open spaces, downtown venues, heritage square, resistance to AZ immigration law.
- 18. Wheeler Park
- 19. Xmas lights in Wheeler Park are beautiful.
- 20. Living downtown and renting
- 21. Please, no parking meters downtown! Be friendlier
- 22. FUTS
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- 25. FUTS including Buffalo and Thorpe Parks, Fort Tuthill.
- 26. Dark sky city design and FUTS
- 27. Mount Elden (USFS trail system)
- 28. Farmers market
- 29. Sunday farmers market
- 30. Farmers Market
- 31. Neighborhood parks

- 32. Gateways into the city signs are great maybe update population
- 33. "Third Place" of Beaver St. /Macy's picnic tables is an outdoor room local character with organic local character. What will happen to this space when the Beaver streetscape project is finished?
- 34. Green space; small town feel, outdoor activities
- 35. Local businesses, culture, activities, that encourage appreciation of the natural resources and heritage don't phx Flag.
- 36. Historical background
- 37. Historic people Know the history of this place. They need to be encouraged to resurrect the history of Sunnyside.
- 38. Historic structures Monte Vista, Weatherford, etc.
- 39. Residents combination/owner occupied/rental/professional commercial properties.
- 40. Butler Ave. intersection median heavy timber, iron, stone & landscaping & entrance signs "Flagstaff" stone and heavy timber
- 41. Monte Vista & Weatherford, Guadalupe Church of the Nativity.
- 42. Great old buildings that could use some TLC.
- 43. County Courthouse Sandstone.
- 44. Band Hotel and Jackson Square.
- 45. Old Post Office Fed Bldg.
- 46. Downtown library Malapais stone greenery around.
- 47. Riordan Building.
- 48. Lumberyard Brewing Co remodel nice lodge look.
- 49. Sawmill nice buildings
- 50. NAU, Old Main Sandstone.
- 51. Remax building across the Walgreens on Riordan (Old Sawmill office)
- 52. FALA

- 53. Theatricos
- 54. The community spirit in emergencies to help each other.
- 55. Volunteerism
- 56. Great people watch out for eachother and help each other out.
- 57. No metered parking = hospitality.
- 58. NAU, museum, GC trust, Coco Center for arts, Pioneer Museum.
- 59. Local materials (stone/wood)
- 60. Solar would be welcome.
- 61. Museum Club
- 62. Riordan mansion
- 63. Flagstaff family food center
- 64. Flagstaff homeless shelter
- 65. Alcohol rehab
- 66. Library System
- 67. NAU/CCC education
- 68. Pine Canyon Amphitheater
- 69. Adult Center and Aquaplex
- 70. North Country Health Care
- 71. Walking distance (5-10 minutes) to wilderness.
- 72. Many languages spoken in public institutions. (Especially needed in city offices.)
- 73. Small, quiet gathering places. Bad examples are big, loud events.
- 74. Green Map (need more businesses)

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Worst Aspects of Community Character

- 1. Tearing up San Francisco St. before the art walk.
- Tearing down old houses for redevelopment.
- 3. Follow the ARS 9-499 10 infill incentive districts.
- 4. Milton! It's an awful way to introduce are city.
- Milton Ave Chan Stores, neon lights."Sea" of parking.
- Milton Rd underpass main artery to downtown/Grand Canyon is old and nasty – could be pretty nice.
- 7. Milton (Strip malls, no walk ability, no street side appeal, unfriendly cyclist and pedestrian usability)
- 8. Milton and Rt. 66 traffic.
- 9. Milton Road traffic.
- Milton Ave and Woodlands Village.
 "Anyplace, USA" is the examples of no local character.
- 11. Milton and East Flag on 84-A we can gradually incentivize and engage even corporate franchises to become part of the landscape and character in the community develop good will vs. alienation.
- 12. Reduce the lanes, tear out the sidewalk, and install multi-use paths for bikes and pedestrians.
- 13. Lazy snow removal (blocking in cars, burying bike racks, covering sidewalks)
- 14. Potable water for snowmaking.
- 15. Building new ugly shopping places rather than infilling. Remember Kmart?
- Development of MacMillan Mesa is ruining the view and the best open space in Flagstaff.
- Too little to downtown Don't have a car and haven't been to the east side – Difficult to get around.

- 18. More rentals or lack of owner occupied absentee landlords that don't care.
- 19. All lights should be dark sky lights.
- 20. Abandoned buildings.
- 21. 701 W. Tombstone.
- 22. Public art that doesn't fit ex: park on sawmill next to pd abstract. Ex: at the end of Switzer Canyon.
- 23. Inappropriate density keep our views.
- 24. Oil tanks and refiner on Butler and smell.
- 25. Abandoned homes unkempt homes lack of community pride.
- 26. Unsupervised children
- 27. Bulk trash pickup needs to be changed to at least 2x a month Bulk trash sitting around too long.
- 28. Only one trash bin for apartment building– Overflows in no time. Need another recycle bin
- 29. Trailer parks.
- 30. Landlords letting their properties run down.
- 31. The "Them" Vs "Us" attitude we need to solve these problems together neighborhoods, local government, etc.
- 32. Community segregation lack of affordable housing in variety of neighborhoods.
- 33. The presence of a drug culture of any kind.
- 34. Dark sections of streets and drunks passed out in them. Need a fence to stop the flow of people after Safeway closes.
- 35. Lack of bike racks by stores.
- 36. Bigger, safer bike paths on all roads.
- 37. Areas that don't promote walking, biking or sitting due to no bike racks/benches. Woodlands + Milton = bad.
- 38. Yield to people and kids walking and riding bikes. Cars need to wait till people finish the crosswalk before driving

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- through. I hate seeing/caring for children who were hit in crosswalks.
- 39. There needs to be more bike paths in the streets/sidewalks. The problem is the people driving cars think that is the design of the streets. I honestly think that there are inconsiderate bikers, moms, and families too. Sorry to say that but we all have the places to be and all of us are not so la-de-da to wait behind people.
- 40. We need walk able communities I.e. Walk to grocery, etc.
- 41. Bike paths end at the city/city
- 42. Wasting potable H20 especially in restaurants. I don't need a full glass to give a good tip.
- 43. 89 S (Ft. Tut hill) not enough room for bikes on road gets more people to go on FUTS trail with signage.
- 44. The dangerous pedestrian crossing around 4th st.
- 45. Empty shopping centers Old K-Mart on 4th St.
- 46. Dog Park sucks! Too small/not inviting and owners don't clean up after their pooches yuck! Shame on you!
- 47. We need to remember our homeless citizens. They generally don't have a voice, but they're always in our midst particularly in the winter, where they might partner with Churches for overflow services Must be in partnership or churches won't do this.
- 48. Residents are moving out of downtown Historic bungalows and housed need to house families – not businesses. Zoning will encourage people to move back downtown, which will enhance overall vibrancy.
- 49. Gated communities like Pine Cyn.
- 50. The mall addition is sprawling. No connectivity to old mall, no bus stop,

- huge parking lot does not invite lingering outside.
- 51. Franchises, big box, too many bars downtown.
- 52. Boring mountain line bus stops.
- 53. Corporate franchises.
- 54. Litter
- 55. City doesn't use free (as in freedom) software
- Dilapidated trailer parks (Sunnyside behind furniture barn and lower Greenland)
- 57. Ft. Valley Rd.
- 58. Using potable water for Snowbowl
- 59. "Street" homeless alcohol issues.
- 60. Southside limitations due to flood plain
- 61. Avto Park, whole market place development.
- 62. Condos moving in past village inn and all the stuff off Powell.
- 63. Preferring private corporate interests like Snowbowl, Wal-Mart to local small businesses and the wishes of people like Hopi's and Navajos ho know how to live here long term, sustainably.
- 64. Valuing convenience and entertainment above productive land and local solutions.
- 65. Large, loud events Stop whining 20% of city is NAU students.
- 66. High rent situations w/out a true living wage (including housing market)
- 67. Development on McMillan Mesa (Should have been left undeveloped for Wildlife connectivity and habitat production)

Places to Be

- Cedar (Over the hill)
- Fremont Peakview Loop
- Forest Cedar
- Lake Mary Rd.
- 4th Street
- 4th st. (make a sub-downtown)
- 4th St shopping, eating, yoga, library, can't wait for the improvements!
- 4th st would be a great place to be if were redeveloped to embrace the characters of the neighborhood. Why are all the places to be in Flagstaff marketed for the rich white folks? What about the rest of us?
- Butler Ave
- Lone Tree from Kinsey to CCC
- Thorpe Rd
- Mikes Pike
- Isabel St. south of 6th ave.
- Any place with a park along it.
- Most streets on Sunnyside.
- The street around Aspen, Beaver, Leurox, Library City Hall (I might add without parking meters- don't let them)
- Southside of Beaver
- Phx/Tucson
- Tombstone/Kingman
- Park/Florence
- Need hangout places for young people ice cream, plazas, thing to do.
- Plaza Viejas a street where there are more people than cars ex: Friday night art walk. San Fran/Aspen.
- N. Leroux Historic context and landscaping Future –
- Leroux downtown (make it pedestrian from Rt. 66 – Cherry?) and same for San Francisco St + Beaver between Phoenix and Cottage.
- Rt 66 from Steves to Beaver
- Leroux between Cherry and Columbus
- Aspen, Birch and Cherry
- Need downtown parking garage and it would be a place to be.

Places to Pass Through

- Switzer Canyon Rd.
- Milton Rd.
- Milton
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- Butler from Little America to Milton
- Butler
- Butler
- N. Center St.
- Humphreys
- Prevent Wal-Mart traffic from going thru Country Club and Gas tracks going past schools when parents are dropping off kids.
- Widen bike paths
- Country Club.
- Clay
- 4th St.
- 4th St.
- 4th St

- Heritage Square
- Around the library
- Old neighborhoods around downtown
- Add neighborhood downtown trolley to reduce down town traffic/parking (add parking at the church/school that is being moved)
- Also consider closing a few sections of the San Fran and Beaver to emphasize walk able.
- Walking/biking bridge over RR Tracks @ San Fran.
- Non-clutter ordinance to reduce the clutter in front yards, including old cars.
- Home maintenance ordinance requiring some minimal home up keep.
- Lower the train tracks, trench, through the most populated pars of town (easier to make bridges, reduce train noise.)
- Sound volume ordinance for dt town events, sound carries easily in flag due to mountain back drop. (Neighborhoods are higher than downtown.
- Tropical Sho Aspen Beaver! Yumm...
- Switzer Canyon & Turquoise biking.

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How can our built environment be as beautiful as our natural environment? What are the character defining elements?

- 1. Use muted colors that reflect the landscape.
- Natural stone rock and brick color is huge.
 Colors should reflect our natural landscape.
- 3. Buildings that age gracefully.
- 4. Low profile, energy efficient buildings.
- 5. Use native rock
- 6. Use natural element/products in construction.
- 7. Small, low profile, local, green.
- 8. Yes- keep buildings low- below ponderosa pines.
- 9. Diverse- human scaled architecture.
- If built environment fits the character of the neighborhood – the right scale not too big.
- 11. More park benches throughout the community.
- 12. Incorporate urban gardens into downtown area, like the garden last year planted in the vacant lot in front of basket ball courts.
- 13. More planter beds with native plants more native stones too.
- 14. Let them grow big trees and parkway between street and sidewalk street furniture.
- 15. Community gardens
- 16. Trees, bushes and gardens
- 17. Parks that are age appropriate and kid friendly
- 18. More parks please in areas that are run down.
- Reinforcing the "neighborhood" concepts that mix business/residential/open space/ parks
- 20. Protect open space in City.

- Make flagstaff even more cyclist friendly. (More bike routes, more public knowledge on alternative routes, snow removal)
- 22. Bike paths separate from roads, efficient pathways so walker and bikers don't have to go around (e.g. post office closed its back gate.)
- 23. More pedestrian trails. Use empty run down areas for full time/year round community gardens.
- 24. Build more trash cans in public areas and parks.
- 25. Design review/form base code in PV.
- 26. Save some older homes/remodel.
- 27. Beautification projects on east sidearrowhead to Fannies along RT 66. (Landscaping, street trees, maintenance, lighting, remodel and maintain good looking buildings – color regulations, well designed signs low and made with natural materials – no neon)
- 28. Milton lowers all signs and height regulation.
- 29. Design need to encourage public discussion about design.
- 30. Small goals accomplished to show examples for the community to be proud of and learn from.
- 31. Grow civic pride by example.
- 32. Listening to people who live in the neighborhood.
- 33. Looking at history of the community/diversity and creating architecture accordingly.
- 34. Sidewalks everywhere.
- 35. Maintain some open space
- 36. Sustainable landscaping
- 37. Native low water landscaping.
- 38. Try dry Japanese garden/landscaping to save water and create privacy.

- 39. Consult our wise Navajo grandmas to incorporate the too many native men who use Flag as a pit stop for more alcohol.
- 40. Raise taxes on alcohol Stay committed to educating youth to break the cycle.
- 41. Don't pave over (homogenize) our built environment as you're paving over our natural environment. No more big boxes, chains, subdivisions, golf resorts! Our character is our history and diversity.
- 42. Fizzle due to lots of variables.
- 43. View them as 2 parts of the whole not separate entities. Work to blend build w/ natural stop standard parking lot in front/bldg behind.
- 44. There should be more restaurants w/ outdoor native that capture the beautiful view of the peaks.
- 45. We need a plan to get rid of invasive plants and other species Through neighborhood education programs.
- 46. Save snowbowls environment.
- 47. Maintain historic character
- 48. No high rise condos in existing residential areas.